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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 9, 2004, Applicant hereby calls the following to the Examiner's attention.

The following documents were cited in a Search Report conducted in European Patent Application No. 03011897.0, enclosed herewith together with an English language translation, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

1. WO 01/02669 A, issued January 11, 2001;
2. WO 97/47834 A, issued December 18, 1997;
3. DE 201 21 196 U1, issued May 29, 2002;
4. DE 202 03 311U1, issued May 8, 20002;
5. DE 79 28 703 U1, issued July 2, 1981;
6. WO 01/51732 A issued July 19, 2001; and
7. WO 01/75247 A issued October 11, 2001.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S.

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published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Moreover, copies of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith, including a translation of the European Search Report.

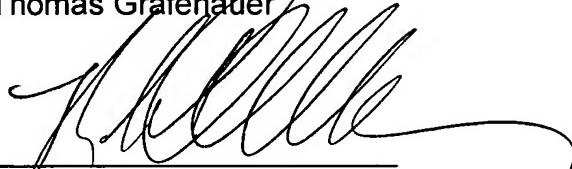
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

Applicant notes that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if the first action on the merit has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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